THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 4th December 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at two of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Qualifications of Fieldmen in the Agricultural department.

* 258 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the duties of fieldmen in the Agricultural department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that fieldmen with S.S.L.C. qualification and having 20 and 25 years of service are still working as fieldmen, II Grade;

(*c*) the educational qualifications prescribed for fieldmen, II Grade and I Grade, respectively, and their scales of pay;

(*d*) how many fieldmen have reached their maximum under each grade; and

(*e*) whether there was any move to post fieldmen as lower division clerks and, if so, how many fieldmen have been posted as clerks?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) The duties of a Fieldman are—

'(i) to acquaint himself intimately with the cultivators in his jurisdiction and carry out the instructions given by the Agricultural Demonstrator in the matter of demonstration and propaganda, the running of trial and demonstration plots and record of observations, (ii) to guide and check the work of Demonstration Maistries working under him and (iii) to maintain a diary of work and certain records.'

The Fieldman should be on tour for 20 days in a month. During his tours, he should take up the periodical reports submitted by the Maistries and check the items of work done by them. The instructions, if any, given by him, should be written in the book specially maintained by the Maistry.

(*b*) Yes, some Filedmen with S.S.L.C. qualifications who have put in about 20 years of service are working as Fieldmen, II Grade.

" (*c*) The educational qualification prescribed for the post of Fieldman, Grade II, is the minimum general educational qualifications specified in the Schedule to the General Rules

for State and Subordinate Services. It is a completed S.S.L.C. certificate issued under the authority of the Government of Madras, with certain minimum number of marks prescribed for each subject. Preference is given to candidates who have taken 'Agriculture' in the bifurcated course for the S.S.L.C. Examination. If a sufficient number of candidates with the above qualification are not available, persons who have studied in the IV Form may be appointed as Fieldman, Grade II. The educational qualifications prescribed for the post of Fieldman, Grade I, are the same as those prescribed for Fieldman. Grade II, the Grade II men being promoted to Grade I.

The scale of pay for the posts of Fieldmen are—

Fieldmen, I Grade—Rs. 60—2—70—1—80 per mensem.

Fieldmen, II Grade—Rs. 45—2—55—1—60 per mensem.

"(*d*) None of the Fieldmen in Grade I have reached the maximum of the scale, but there are 22 Fieldmen in the II Grade who have reached the maximum.

"(*e*) The rules relating to the Madras Ministerial Service, provide for appointment to posts of Lower Division Clerks by transfer from other services like the Madras Agricultural Subordinate Service. Under these rules, a Fieldman can be appointed as Lower Division clerk, if he has got the prescribed qualifications. But Fieldmen are not generally transferred as clerks, for the reason that the benefit of the field work gained by the Fieldmen will be lost, if they are transferred to the Ministerial Service as clerks.

So far 23 Fieldmen have been transferred by the Director of Agriculture to the Madras Ministerial Service as clerks."

SRI O. KORAN:—"May I know, Sir, what is the period of service that is considered necessary or sufficient for the promotion of a second grade Fieldman to the first grade?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"Notice, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—"Sir, if there are Fieldmen with S.S.L.C. qualification and 20 years service as Fieldman in Grade II, is there any prospects for such men to be promoted to Grade I, because after all a person has got to put in 30 years service before he retires?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"As and when vacancies are available they will be transferred to Grade I."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD:—"How many villages are placed in charge of a Fieldman, Sir?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"Usually, I think, it comes to 20 villages, Sir."

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SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" వ్యవసాయ డిపార్టుమెంటు రైతులకు చాలా ఉపయోగపడవలసియున్నది కనుక, ఫీల్డుమన్లు, వ్యవసాయ డిమాన్‌స్ట్రేటర్లు చేసే సలహాలను వ్యవసాయదార్లకు తెలియచేయునట్లు ఉత్తర్వులు జారీ చేసి, రైతులకు వ్యవసాయశాఖవారి సహకారం లభించునట్లుచేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir. That is the work they are intended to do."

Enquiry into the shooting incidents at Patikkunnu, Chirakkal taluk.

* 259 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government took steps to conduct an enquiry into the shooting incidents alleged to have happened on May 4th, 1950 at Patikkunnu in Chirakkal taluk as per the assurance given by him on the floor of the House during the last Session?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Government have looked into the matter and there are no adequate grounds for rejecting the police version. No useful purpose will be served now by instituting any formal enquiry into events that happened more than two and a half years ago about which no evidence that can now be had could possibly be relied upon for action."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" మంత్రిగారు వెనుకటి పర్యాయం ఇచ్చిన సమాధానాన్నే తిరిగి చదివినారు. వారు ఈ విషయం గురించి ఎట్టి దర్యాప్తు చేసినట్లు కనుపించుటలేదు. ఈ కేసు సందర్భంలో bail ఇప్పించినవారు కాంగ్రెస్‌వాది అనే విషయం మంత్రిగారికి తెలుసునా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it does not matter whether it is Congressmen that gave bail or anybody else. I have given all information that I could possibly give on the last occasion and I have answered the question now put."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Chief Minister said that, in view of the fact that more than two and a half years had elapsed, it was not necessary to enquire into the incident and that no useful evidence would be forthcoming to act upon. Does this rule apply to those cases where prosecution lies against some of the people? " 2-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The rule will apply wherever the position stands alike. If, for instance, a murder took place two and a half years ago and evidence is forthcoming only now, this rule will apply. But if evidence had been recorded previously and we are considering the case now, it will not apply."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" In view of the fact that the hon. Member, Mr. T. C. Narayanan Nambiar, who has put the primary question has offered himself as a witness, why do the Government fight shy of making an enquiry? "